



Carl Thomas Hansen Co F-2

A born diplomat, always unassuming with a great deal of “savoir faire” Carl will always be able to win any man’s friendship and any woman’s affection. Although cadet life was at odds with his wanderlust, Carl will always be remembered by his favorite phrase, “I’ve got so much to do, I think I’ll go to bed.”

Born – 4 Oct. 1938, at New York City.

To USMA – from New York City. Appointed at large from the U.S. Army.

Died – 29 Dec. 2019 (age 81) at Inverness, FL. Buried at Florida National Cemetery.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Star Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Schooling – B.S. Degree in Operations Research / Systems Analysis, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. MBA Degree, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Family - Wife – Ann Gray Olsen Hansen (___ years) – 5 children (Kristen, Eric, Donna, Deborah, Earnie) – 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild.

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Carl served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 15th Armored Cavalry and 4th Armored Cavalry. He then served at Fort Knox, KY (Armored Advanced Course and Staff & Faculty, S&F), Fort Campbell, KY (2/17 Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division), Vietnam (8th Cavalry Squadron, RVN), Monterey, CA (U.S. Naval Postgraduate School), Arizona and California (U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard, trained management personnel), Fort Ord, CA (U.S. Army Combat Development Experimental Center, CDEC, Principal Engineer), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College, CGSC), Fort MacArthur, CA (Office of Space Systems, Operations Research Analyst for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, OSAF).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Carl had a successful career in technology and education. He served as Director of Operations for the Eastern Region of Trident Data Systems, Springfield, VA. He attended the Virginia Commonwealth University and obtained an MBA Degree. He served as Contracts Manager for the Withlacoochee Regional Planning for the Federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Ocala FL. He was a Florida Information Resources Network Technical Education Consultant for the Florida Community College System. He was also an Adjunct Instructor for the Central Florida Community College and NOVA University. During this time, Carl was very active in community, civic and veteran’s organizations in Florida. Carl passed away on 6 April 2015, from Alzheimer’s disease.

Footnote from Carl – “I joined the Class of ’61 and spent all 4 years in F-2 in the “Lost 50’s,” which I still consider to be the best thing that happened to me at West Point!”